



In re Application of: KAWAHARA et al.
 Application No. 10/796,978
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 For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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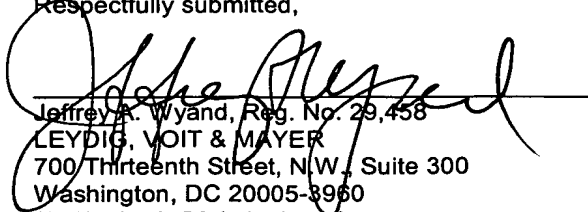
Sir:

- ☐ Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Petition for an extension of time for the period noted below, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated March 23, 2006, please consider the following remarks.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.